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EXPORT OF PAPER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) the countries to which paper is being exported from India;

(b) the quantity and value of paper exported during each of the last three years from India;

(c) the country to whom maximum paper has been exported during the above period; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to boost the export of paper?

Answer

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(a) Paper and paper boards are mainly exported to Sri-Lanka, Bangladesh, Malaysia, China, UAE, Chinese Taipei , Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, U.S.A., Myanmar, Egypt, Nigeria, Iran, Hong Kong, Nepal, etc.

(b) The quantity and value of the paper exported from India during each of the last three years are as under :-

	Quantity (in M.T.)	Value (Rs. in Crores)
2000-2001	153890	544.09
2001-2002	181979	598.76
2002-2003 (upto December, 2002)	171059	596.94

(c) The country to which maximum export was made during 2000-2001 was Sri Lanka, in 2001-2002 to Bangladesh and during 2002-2003 (up to December, 2003) maximum export has been made to Sri Lanka.

(d) Steps taken/being taken to increase the export of paper include setting up of apex research organization dedicated to applied research in Pulp & Paper (Central Pulp and Paper Research Institute, Saharanpur) and Development Council for Pulp & Paper Industry for continuously monitoring research & development with the objective of making paper production more cost effective and qualitative. The Government also commissioned a study on "Global Competitiveness of the Indian Paper Industry" by an international expert and consultant in the respective area. One of the thrust areas was to identify the potential export market, and the determinants for enabling the Indian Paper Industry to increase export by way of improved quality and optimised cost of production of various grades of Paper.